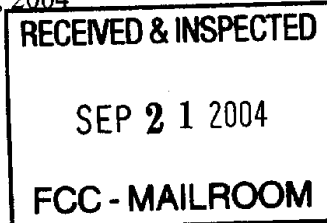


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September 17, 2004



VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

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Washington, DC 20024

Irene M. Flannery
Vice President - High Cost and Low Income Division
Universal Service Administrative Company
2120 L Street, NW, Suite 600
Washington, DC 20037

Re: *Farmers Cellular Telephone, Inc. - Annual October 1 Certification Filing*
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

On behalf of Farmers Cellular Telephone, Inc. ("FCT"), I hereby enclose the attached Annual October 1 Certification of the high cost universal service support mechanism pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313. FCT is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Alabama Public Service Commission and therefore is filing the attached affidavit as its certification. John Staurulakis, Inc. is filing this certification on behalf of FCT and would appreciate that you file the same and return the extra copy stamped "filed" in the enclosed self-addressed envelope provided.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Lans Chase".

J. Lans Chase
Senior Consultant
John Staurulakis, Inc.
On Behalf of Farmers Cellular Telephone, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Gary Kirk, Farmers Cellular Telephone Inc.

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FARMERS CELLULAR
TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Gary Kirk of Farmers Cellular Telephone, Inc. ("the Company"), who on his/her oath deposed and said:

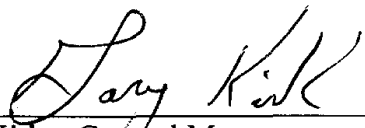
1. "My name is Gary Kirk. I am employed by Farmers Cellular Telephone, Inc. (Study Area Code 259006) in the position of General Manager. In this position, I am personally familiar with all Federal Universal Service support received by the Company and how these funds are used by the Company."

2. "Farmers Cellular Telephone, Inc. was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Federal Communications Commission in CC Docket No. 96-45, DA 03-754 by Order dated March 11, 2003."

3. "Farmers Cellular Telephone, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high cost support received will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Communications Act."

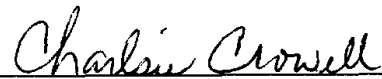
4. "Farmers Cellular Telephone, Inc. is not subject to jurisdiction by the Alabama Public Service Commission."

5. "The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct."



Gary Kirk – General Manager
Farmers Cellular Telephone, Inc.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this the
14 day of September, 2004.



Notary Public
State of Alabama

SEAL: